

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

January 8, 1999

Jan Baran, Esq. Wiley, Rein & Fielding 1776 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

RE: MUR 4546
Friends for Jack Metcalf Committee
and Frank McCord, as treasurer

Dear Mr. Baran:

On December 23, 1998, the Federal Election Commission found that there is probable cause to believe your clients, Friends for Jack Metcalf and Frank M. McCord, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, in connection with the Committee's failure to provide complete contributor information on its April, July and October 1996 Quarterly Reports and failure to demonstrate "best efforts" under 11 C.F.R. § 104.7(b).

The Commission has a duty to attempt to correct such violations for a period of at least 30 days and no more than 90 days by informal methods of conference, conciliation, and persuasion, and by entering into a conciliation agreement with a respondent. If we are unable to reach an agreement after 30 days, the Commission may institute a civil suit in United States District Court and seek payment of a civil penalty.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission within ten days. I will then recommend that the Commission accept the agreement. Please make the check for the civil penalty payable to the Federal Election Commission.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the enclosed conciliation agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory





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conciliation agreement, please contact Tara Meeker, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

Enclosure Conciliation Agreement